

WATERS SLAYER BARES A MURDER IN CENTRAL PARK

Reidy Says He and Two Others Killed Frank Barber on Nov. 23.

OTHER CRIMES TOLD OF

Trio Taken to Scene of Shooting, Reenact Luring of Victim.

MORE ARRESTS LIKELY

Gang Worked Nightly in Broadway Seeking Persons Easy to Rob.

Following closely the announcement by the police that they had cleared up the Waters murder, further confessions obtained yesterday from two youths accounted for another murder committed in Central Park two weeks ago, and at least a dozen other crimes, according to Acting Inspector John J. Coughlin, in charge of the detective bureau. A third boy was named and all three are now awaiting arraignment on murder charges.

John Reidy, aged 24, a deserter from the navy, who confessed Saturday that he had killed Leeds Vaughan Waters in the Plymouth Hotel on November 3, further admitted, Coughlin announced, that he was one of three men who slew Frank Barber in Central Park on November 23. Edward Kohn, 21, a discharged soldier, also was charged by Coughlin with having admitted to a share in the Barber killing. Both boys asserted that Charles H. Benner, alias Whitney Nolan, 25, was ringleader of a gang that has been preying on wealthy strangers in the neighborhood of Times Square for several months.

Benner and Kohn were arrested early yesterday and questioned for hours by P. Francis Marro of the Homicide Bureau in the District Attorney's office. Benner did not contest the charge, but might ask if the District Attorney would grant immunity. The police believe they have enough evidence to convict all three without Benner's information, however, and there will be no immunity granted to any of them, Coughlin said.

Taken to Scene of Murder.
After the prisoners had been taken before Magistrate Levine, in West Side Court, and held on a charge of homicide, the detectives and the District Attorney's men took them up to Central Park West, where the Barber murder was reenacted.

The men showed how they followed Barber from the Sixty-sixth street park gate to the Seventy-second street gate and into the park. Then Kohn, according to the confession, ran ahead to see if all was clear. Benner and Reidy, on a signal from the lookout, attacked Barber. Benner, the two other boys said, fired a shot that passed through Barber's neck.

When Barber fell, the boys ran through the park in the direction of the Webster statue, but turned when they saw a policeman there. Benner and Kohn left the park at Sixty-sixth street and Reidy at Columbus Circle. They met the following night in the Pennsylvania Hotel, Eighth avenue and Thirty-first street, one of their haunts, and agreed, so Inspector Coughlin said, to make no statement if any of them were "chopped" meaning arrested.

Although Coughlin said he was chiefly interested in clearing up the Waters and Barber murders he said he had secured also much valuable information that will explain mysterious stickups and robberies of recent occurrence. The gang, Reidy and Kohn said, according to Coughlin, worked upper Broadway from Times square. Sometimes they wore army or navy uniforms.

Their particular "grift," Inspector Coughlin said, was to make the acquaintance of some man who had been drinking and accompany him to a hotel. The stickup was sometimes accomplished by flashing a fake badge and threatening arrest. Reidy and Kohn had several convents furnished rooms where they took their victims.

Poses as a Pugilist.
Whitney Nolan, Coughlin said, poses as a champion amateur pugilist. Reidy made his acquaintance in the Naval Y. M. C. A. in Sands street, Brooklyn. Kohn, Coughlin said, kept a suit case at the Hotel Astor. He produced this for the police, and in it were the clothes he wore on the night he is charged with helping slay Barber. The policeman, who saw the boys running on that occasion, identified Kohn in these clothes as one of Barber's assailants.

Although the police have not been able to find anything of Nolan's record, they said yesterday that he is mixed up in the Coney Island robberies. He was a floor manager at Steeplechase Park last summer.

Magistrate Levine held the prisoners for further examination to-day. Hyman walked into Police Headquarters and found his way to the Detective Bureau. There he congratulated Acting Inspector Coughlin and Chief Inspector Lahue for the despatch with which the Waters and Barber murders had been solved. The detectives who worked on the two cases did excellent work, he said.

LIGHTNING WRECKS HOUSE.

Baby Buried in Debris, but Escapes Unhurt.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 5.—One house was wrecked and several others damaged by lightning accompanying a severe storm which struck Bayville, a suburb of this city, this afternoon. Mrs. Clarence E. Bari, wife of the owner of the house wrecked, was blown through a doorway into the yard. A baby asleep in a carriage was buried by debris but escaped unhurt.

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ENRIGHT HOME; NOT EXPECTED FOR WEEK

Commissioner Silent About His Sudden Return.

Richard E. Enright, Police Commissioner, cut his vacation short by a week and arrived yesterday unannounced from the Panama Canal Zone aboard the steamship Pastores. No one was at the dock to meet the Commissioner.

Commissioner Enright refused to explain his sudden return to the city further than to say "pressing business" demanded his attention. Whether that business is in any way related to the campaign for funds for the police hospital which was to have started to-day, but suddenly was postponed pending the return of the Commissioner, he did not say. He said he is "out of touch with things in New York" and did not care to make any comment until he is back at his desk, which he expected will be tomorrow or Wednesday.

The Commissioner had intended to return upon the steamship Panama, which will arrive in about a week. The ship on which he did return, however, bore Senator Warren G. Harding, President-elect. The Commissioner said he met the President-elect and talked with him several times. He was enthusiastic in his admiration of Senator Harding.

He never met such a regular fellow in his life," he said. "He is one of the greatest mixers and the best fellows imaginable. He lost no time in getting acquainted with everybody on board and made every one feel at ease with him. He is an expert at shuffleboard and easily was the champion of the voyage."

The Commissioner also was enthusiastic over Mayor Hylan, who he said, is possessed of "great magnetism."

A reporter asked Mayor Hylan, who was visiting Police Headquarters yesterday afternoon, why Commissioner Enright had been called back so suddenly. The Mayor looked at the reporter with a quizzical expression, grinned and waved away.

FIND MISSING JEWELS

AMONG RUINS OF FIRE

Police Recover Diamonds of Victims of Flames.

The missing jewels of Mrs. Harold Boswell Reid, the singer, who died early Thursday morning in the fire at 29 West Fifty-seventh street, were found yesterday when detectives and police from the East Fifty-first street station, searching in the ruins, came upon a glass container in a pile of debris in the apartment formerly occupied by Mrs. Reid.

The jewels included two large diamond rings, a pearl necklace, three pearl rings and two diamond studded combs. A loaded revolver was found nearby, though it is not known whether it was the property of Mrs. Reid or whether it fell from one of the apartments overhead.

With the exception of two or three pearls, which were slightly scorched, the jewelry is undamaged. They probably will be turned over eventually to Mrs. Reid's daughter, who is a student in a private school in this city.

The jewels, which were valued at \$50,000 were missing, a line of police was thrown about the scene of the fire all day Saturday, while all sorts of indefinite rumors were circulated as to what really had happened.

HELD FOR ABDUCTION

OF 15-YEAR-OLD GIRLS

Bronx Men Declare They Intended to Marry.

Two men arraigned in Morrisania court yesterday for the theft of an automobile were also charged with the abduction of Josephine Matala, 15 years old, of 2167 Villa avenue, The Bronx, and Rose Matala, 15, of 2194 Villa avenue. They were held in \$1,500 bail each. On the grand larceny charge they were held for the Grand Jury. The other charges will be heard to-morrow.

The girls, according to the police, were riding with the two men in an automobile stolen from Louis Schneek, a manufacturer, of 1055 Grand Concourse, The Bronx, Saturday night. Patrolman Thomas Hough of the Bronx Park station let them go, but later they were arrested in a furnished room in West Nineteenth street.

The men were Leonard Zaccara, 186 East 206th street, The Bronx, and Barney Lanzero, 3094 Villa avenue. The police said the men told them they intended to take the girls to Philadelphia to marry them.

On charges of improper guardianship, the girls were turned over to the Children's Society, and will be arraigned in Children's Court.

NIGHT ELECTRIC STORM SHOWS WINTER NEAR

Two Seaplanes Are Torn From Their Moorings.

The heavy electrical storm which passed over the city at 2 o'clock yesterday morning brought with it 1.601 inches of rainfall and startled a good many persons who thought the good old summer time had passed.

About an hour later Philadelphia and Baltimore were awakened by the same storm. The Weather Bureau reports indicating a low atmospheric pressure and a statement that a southerly moving front often emits electrical sparks seemed to justify the disturbance, in spite of the season. The Weather Bureau, which seldom prognosticates without reservations, committed itself to the statement that the fact the storm occurred in the dead of night made it a near winter storm, because in other seasons electrical displays usually come in daytime, or with plenty of warning at night.

During the storm two passenger seaplanes of the Aero Limited Company, which were due to start to-day on non-stop flights to Miami, Fla., were torn from their mooring in Flushing Bay. One of them blew off five miles onto the shores of Riker's Island and slightly damaged. The other drifted a mile and struck a pier near Flushing, smashing four holes in the hull.

BANDITS IN JERSEY

USE SILENT PISTOLS

Three Men With Automobile

Raid Several Towns and

Get About \$2,000.

BUTCHER IS SHOT DOWN

Close Watch on Ferries and All

Roads Reveals No Trace

of Marauders.

Three automobile bandits with pistols to which silencers were attached kept the police of Hackensack, Paterson and other suburban New Jersey communities on the jump Saturday night while they raced between towns in Bergen county committing one holdup after another. The only opposition the thieves encountered was from a butcher, who tried to reach for a cleaver, and was shot in the neck. The proprietors of four stores and an automobile party were held up and relieved of \$2,000 by the robbers. Three other places were entered, but the number of persons in them prevented holdups.

So far as the police have been able to learn the bandits first appeared at the garage of Bert Huebner in Ridgefield Park. "Give us up," the men commanded gruffly, Huebner told the police, as they walked toward the cash register. Huebner ordered them out and called to a number of men who were standing in the street. Apparently fearing to start anything the thieves jumped into their machine and headed toward Oakland.

In Oakland they visited the confectionery store of Albert Van Orden. There was a crowd in the place, and after looking them over carefully the bandits left. They then went to the grocery of Lloyd McNamee, where similar tactics were employed. But at the butcher shop of Cornelius McNamee and David Bush they found the proprietors alone.

"Put up your hands!" the thieves ordered, as each drew two pistols. McNamee complied, but a moment later let his hands drop toward a cleaver on a chopping block.

"You will, hey?" shouted one of the bandits as he pulled the trigger. There was no report, but McNamee felt a sting in his neck. While two kept the proprietors covered the third rifled the cash drawer of \$200.

The bandits next appeared in Midland Park, eight miles south of Oakland, though it is not known whether it was the property of Mrs. Reid or whether it fell from one of the apartments overhead.

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Grogan, who owns a saloon at Wales avenue and 149th street, could not describe any of the five men who he said were in the cab from which the shot was fired. The cab drew up at the curb in front of his home, he said. A man leaned out and pointed a pistol. Before Grogan fell wounded the cab was speeding away.

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SHELLS TERRORIZE

FT. HAMILTON AREA

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from half a dozen hospitals, but there was nothing for their surgeons to do except dress slight wounds caused by pieces of glass and small shell fragments. The most seriously hurt of all the injured was William Schmitt of 215 Eighty-third street, Brooklyn, who was struck in both eyes with pieces of broken glass.

Tore Cover Off Automobile.

With his father, Jacob, his mother, Mrs. Anna Schmitt; his wife, Emma; his sister Elm and Charles Ward of Dayton, Ohio, young Schmitt was riding in an automobile on the Shore road near Fourth avenue. One of the shells from the burning lighter struck the windshield of the car, ripped off the roof of the machine and sent glass from the windshield and the windows in all directions. All the others in the car were cut, but young Schmitt was so badly hurt he lay low the sight of both eyes. He was hurried to the Brooklyn Eye and Ear Hospital.

One of the most terrifying incidents of the explosion was the flight of a ten inch shell over the reservation and into the home of Gustave Galten, in 4938 Fort Hamilton. The shell buried itself in the side of the house on the first floor and into the living room, where it set fire to a rug. Mrs. Galten and one of her children were shocked, but were not otherwise injured. The shell buried itself in the cellar of the house, where it was dug out by the police. It caused about \$800 damage to the residence.

The other injured whose names were reported to the police are Mary Grasmann of 9431 Ridge Boulevard, who was struck in the shoulder by a shell fragment while walking on Shore Boulevard; Edward Sorenson, a marine stationed at Fort Lafayette, struck in the right leg by a fragment, and Joseph Martin, a soldier stationed at the fort, shot in the left leg.

The police said last night that so far as their investigation had gone, about eight or ten houses had been damaged by the explosions. The pier was destroyed by the flames before the fire boats could extinguish them. The Gaynor, in fighting the fire, went aground, but was floated at high tide with the aid of a tug. The army authorities estimate the total damage at \$100,000.

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FAKE MOVIE STOCKS

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Wildcat Promoters Steal 25 to

50 Millions Yearly, Says

Motion Picture Body.

67 CONCERNS ASSETLESS

Get-Rich-Quick Tales Lure

Money From Many Who Can

Ill Afford to Lose.

The vigilance committee of the National Association of the Motion Picture Industry announced yesterday, after a preliminary survey of three and a half months, that worthless stock amounting to more than \$250,000,000 is the annual offering of wildcat motion picture companies of the country to the American public. This judgment was based on an investigation of seventy companies, only two or three of which had any assets or proved earning capacity when their stock was offered, and only half a dozen of which had officials of any experience in the motion picture world.

These figures, the investigating body points out, do not refer to stock issues offered for business expansion by well established companies with big assets and earning power. The executives of such companies, who often were pioneers in the industry, feel that next to the victims of the wildcat companies they are the worst sufferers, because the operations of fake concerns bring ill repute on the whole business.

The committee declares the people of this country actually bought during the last year between \$25,000,000 and \$50,000,000 in worthless stock. This came out of the pockets of small tradesmen, clerks, stenographers, waitresses, boot-blacks and others who were dazzled by reports of quick fortunes. Government employees in Washington are said to have bought stock extensively in one company. One young woman told of sinking \$10,000, her entire savings, in a company promoted by a former dancing instructor.

The vigilance committee was formed last summer by the National Association of the Motion Picture Industry, the membership of which is made up of well known producing, distributing and exhibiting companies of the country. The committee is composed of James H. Quirk, editor of Photoplay Magazine, chairman; Frederick H. Elliott, executive secretary of the association; Paul Salkoff of the Universal Film Manufacturing Company; Nathan Vidaver, counsel for the committee; Martin J. Quirley of the Exhibitors' Herald; Lesley Mason of the Exhibitors' Trade Review; and Fred J. Beecroft of the Motion Picture News.

ANARCHY CASES TERMINATED.

9 Convicted, 8 Deported From 31

Indictments.

Cases of alleged criminal anarchy, developed during the last fifteen months, have "practically been cleared from the calendar," according to Alexander I. Rorke, Assistant District Attorney, yesterday. Thirty-one indictments had been obtained by evidence gathered through the bomb squad of the Police Department, said Mr. Rorke, and seven were convicted after trial.

Five succeeded in escaping after the indictment and have not been caught. Of the remainder, eight were deported to European and Asiatic countries, two pleaded guilty and the rest were dismissed.

charged from bail. The last class, Mr. Rorke said, had never given their consent to the action of the executive committee in the Socialist party, by which the branches of that party to which they belonged were affiliated with the Communist party.

MERCHANT DIES SUDDENLY.

Spencer P. Shotton, a retired naval stores merchant of Savannah, Ga., who has been visiting his daughter, Miss Isabel Shotton, at the Hotel La Salle, 20 East Sixtieth street, was found dead in bed in his room at the hotel yesterday. He was 64 years old. Spencer O. Shotton, a son, also a guest at the hotel, found his father's body, with the aid of Patrolman James J. Sullivan, who forced an entrance. An ambulance surgeon from Bellevue Hospital said death was due to apoplexy.

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